

Fair Political Practices Commission Memorandum

To: Chairman Johnson, Commissioners Hodson, Huguenin, Leidigh, and Remy
From: Michael B. Salerno, Executive Director
Subject: Executive Director's Report
Date: August 30, 2007

This is a summary of administrative activity and other matters since the report sent to you prior to the last Commission meeting.

PERSONNEL

Kourtney Vaccaro, formerly with the agency as Senior Commission Counsel, is returning as Assistant Chief Counsel in the Enforcement Division. Since leaving the Commission, she served as an attorney for the law firm Best, Best & Krieger, a firm she was employed by from 2002 to 2005. We enthusiastically welcome her back in this new role.

Roman Porter has been appointed Communications Director. He has been with the Commission since February 2007. In 2006, Roman served as an account executive for the public affairs firm, Ziegler and Associates. He also worked for State Senator Joe Dunn as a Senate fellow and then as a legislative aide. Roman has been the Acting Communications Director since April, and we are pleased he is now taking on this more permanent role.

Luisa Menchaca will be leaving the Commission on September 5th after 17 years on staff. She has accepted a position as Director of Human Resources for the Oxnard School District in Ventura County. We thank her for her years of service to the Commission and wish her the best of luck in her new position.

STAFF PROJECTS

Technical Assistance:

Seminars: Trish Mayer presented a filing officers workshop for new filing officers in Southern California; candidate workshops were presented by Cynthia Jones in San Mateo and Adrienne Korchmaros in Vallejo.

Outreaches: Tara Stock presented an SEI outreach for the Department of Development Services. Barbara Smith presented campaign outreaches for staff at the cities of Bell, Fountain Valley, Artesia and Riverbank and Tulare County.

CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES

Pursuant to Section 87300 of the Government Code and Commission Regulation 18750.1, state and multi-county agencies seeking to adopt or substantively amend a conflict-of-interest code must submit the proposed code to the Commission for review and approval. The Technical

Assistance Division has reviewed and, since the last agenda, I have approved the following conflict-of-interest codes:

Code Adoptions and Amendments:

Galt Joint Union School District (new positions)

Office of Emergency Services (new positions)

Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (new position)

Department of Financial Institutions (new positions)

San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority (new position and change in filing location)

State Lands Commission (new positions)

Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging (new position and amended disclosure category)

Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (new positions)

FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

There were none.

REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

Rob Haswell for Assembly (ID# 1278513) – A request for extension of termination deadline was granted on August 8, 2007.

Neighbors for Rogers (ID# 951897) – A request for extension of termination deadline was granted on August 8, 2007.

ORDERS

There were none.